

City of Rowlett

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Tuesday, March 17, 2015

5:45 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, Councilmember Bobbitt, Councilmember Dana-Bashian, and Councilmember van Bloemendaal

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Gallops and Councilmember Sheffield

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gottel called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:45 P.M.)* Times listed are approximate.

- 2A.** The City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, §551.087 (Economic Development) and §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to discuss and deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to business prospects that the City may seek to have locate in or near Elgin B. Robertson Park. (30 minutes)

Council convened in Executive Session at 5:48 p.m. Out at 6:32 p.m.

3. WORK SESSION (6:15 P.M.)

- 3A.** Discuss proposed ordinance to amend regulations pertaining to grease traps. (20 minutes).

Due to time constraints, this item will be postponed to a future meeting.

- 3B.** Discuss recommendation from Arts & Humanities Commission regarding public art. (45 minutes)

This item was discussed first due to visitors in attendance specifically for this item.

Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services, along with Brian Hokanson, Vice-Chair of the Arts and Humanities Commission, made a presentation outlining the challenges of a public art program, a program proposal, committee makeup, projected expenses, and possible funding projections.

Council discussion regarding format of other cities' programs. Staff and members of the Arts and Humanities Commission will sort out possibilities and then present a more fine-tuned program to Council at a later date.

4. DISCUSS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Council took a short break at 7:27 p.m.

CONVENE INTO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS (7:30 P.M.)*

Council reconvened in Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION – Mark Nelson, Church in the City

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- 5A.** Texas Public Pool Council presents Wet Zone Waterpark with awards for Agency of the Year Class II and Aquatic Special Event of the Year.

Caroline Seward, representing the Texas Public Pool Council, presented the department with the Agency of the Year award for the Angel Swim project and the Aquatic Special Event of the Year Award for the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

- 5B.** Texas Parks and Recreation presents Rowlett Parks and Recreation with an award for Administration/Management Excellence Award from the Texas Recreation and Parks Society.

Pam Nelson, representing the Texas Recreation and Parks Society, presented the Administration/Management Excellence Award for the Summer 2014 Employee Bootcamp.

- 5C.** Update from the City Council and Management: Financial Position, Major Projects, Operational Issues, Upcoming Dates of Interest and Items of Community Interest.

Mayor Gottel announced the following: Next Regular Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 7th and 21st. Upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will be Tuesday, March 24th, April 14th and 28th held in the City Hall Conference Room at 6pm. CIP (COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) TASK FORCE: Public Meetings will be held: Tuesday, March 31st

at 6pm in the Council Chambers, Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30pm at the RCC, Telephone Town Hall Meeting conducted on Thursday, April 23rd between 6:30 and 7:30pm. Projects on the May 9th Ballot include: **Proposition 1 – Streets – \$18,932,340, **Proposition 2 – Parks – \$4,206,110, **Proposition 3 – Public Safety – \$2,631,050. 2015 Bond Election set for May 9, 2015 – is a three year program with \$25,769,500 of Community Investment Projects – AND NO TAX INCREASE! Early voting starts April 27th and goes through May 5th. LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION - Thursday, April 9th is the last day to register to vote for the upcoming election on May 9th. Fill out a form online by clicking on the City Secretary's Office tab, Elections then Register to Vote. Pick up a form in the City Secretary's Office at 4000 Main Street. Mail the form to the county election administrator in your county; addresses found online under Register to Vote tab. EARLY VOTING - Annex Conference Room located at 4004 Main Street, Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday, May 2 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday, May 3 - 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday, May 4 through Tuesday, May 5 - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. MARCH CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN - Occurs four weekends in March starting March 7th, 9am – 6pm – held only on weekends for 2015. Located at 3801 President George Bush Highway – eastbound service road past Main. Driver's License or ID is required as proof of residency. Accepting residential brush and non-hazardous bulky items. ROWLETT GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP DAY 2015 – Rescheduled for April 11th in anticipation of the amount of rain predicted this week. Come join us to pick up litter and debris on the lakeshore at our southern gateway on Rowlett Rd. For more information or to sign up online, visit keeprowlettbeautiful.org. Sponsored by Keep Rowlett Beautiful, Rowlett Public Works Dept. and Keep Garland Beautiful. ANIMAL SHELTER - Pet Adoptathon, Saturday, March 21st from 10am – 5pm. Reduced adoption fee of \$25. The Shelter is maintaining a 100% live release rate! Low Cost Vaccine Clinic at Animal Shelter – Saturday, March 21st, 1 – 3pm. Shelter is open Monday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm. PARKS AND RECREATION - Upcoming Events: Community Centre Open House – Saturday, March 21st, 10am – 1pm. 2nd Annual Holistic Health Fair, Saturday, March 21st, 10am – 2pm at RCC. Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 28th, 10am – 12pm at Pecan Grove Park. Pup-a-Palooza – Sunday, March 29th, 2 – 4pm at Herfurth Park; \$10 per dog. Senior Health Fair – Tuesday, April 14th, 9am – noon at RCC. ROWLETT LIBRARY - Upcoming Events: Family Saturday Games – March 21st, 2pm – Come build something with our 3000 Legos. Introduction to Microsoft Excel – Saturday, March 28th, 11am. Family Saturday Movie + Popcorn – April 4th, 2pm – featuring Cat in the Hat. One on One Tech Help – Every Friday at Rowlett Library, flexible times – call 972-412-6161 for times. CHLORINE MAINTENANCE NOTIFICATION - The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has begun it's routine free chlorine maintenance. Scheduled from March 2nd through March 31st. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) allows water suppliers to perform chlorine maintenance to help reduce the need for water suppliers to flush systems in order to maintain chloramine residual during the warm weather periods – thus conserving water. Chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality and remains safe for use. Could be a change in taste and odor of drinking water – however – it does not alter the quality. If you have questions or concerns, contact Tim Rogers, Public Works Director at 972.412.6196. TWICE A MONTH LANCSAPE WATERING – Watering once every other week still in effect – through April 30th.

6. CITIZENS' INPUT

1. Dean Peaples, 10205 Bent Tree Drive, Rowlett; spoke regarding open water activities.
2. Ken Romaine, 3001 Larkin Lane, Rowlett; spoke regarding septic systems.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7A.** Consider action to approve minutes from the March 3, 2015, City Council Meeting and the March 10, 2015 City Council Special Meeting.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- 7B.** Consider action to approve a resolution to amend the license agreement with Kayak Instruction Foundation, Inc., for a kayak rental and training services concession at Paddle Point Park.

This item was approved as RES-028-15 on the Consent Agenda.

Passed the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, seconded by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, including all the preceding items marked as having been approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present.

8. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 8A.** Conduct a public hearing and take action on a rezoning of a 0.1676-acre tract of land from Planned Development Ordinance #017-13 to Single Family-8 and a rezoning of a 9.1971-acre tract of land to amend the development standards in Planned Development Ordinance #017-13. The subject properties are located at 8110 Chiesa Road, further described as being 0.1676 acres of Tract 3 in the James Saunders Survey, Abstract No. 1424 and 7000 Chiesa Road, further described as being all of 9.1971 acres of Tract 3 the James Saunders Survey, Abstract No. 1424, City of Rowlett, Dallas County, Texas. (PD15-768)

Garrett Langford, Principal Planner, presented the background information on this item. The public hearing opened and closed with no speakers.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, seconded by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as ORD-009-15.

- 8B.** Consideration and action on a resolution to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dallas for the acquisition of the Elgin B. Robertson property (approximately 257 acres) and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents on the City's behalf.

Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, provided the background information on this item.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Pankratz, seconded by Councilmember van Bloemendaal, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as RES-029-15.

- 8C. Consideration and action on ordinances approving boundary adjustment agreements with the City of Dallas to adjust the City limits of Rowlett to include the Elgin B. Robertson property (approximately 257 acres) and authorizing the Mayor to execute said documents pursuant thereto.

Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, provided the background information on this item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, seconded by Councilmember Bobbitt, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as ORD-010-15.

- 8D. Consideration and action on a resolution approving a first amendment to the Interlocal Agreement and Lease between the City of Dallas and the City of Rowlett relating to the Take Line area, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendment on the City's behalf.

Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, provided the background information on this item. Council discussion regarding public safety patrol responsibilities – the City of Dallas retains the lake itself and the City of Rowlett now patrols the bridges on I-30 and SH66.

A motion was made by Councilmember van Bloemendaal, seconded by Councilmember Dana-Bashian, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as RES-030-15.

- 8E. Consideration and action on a resolution approving a purchase and sale agreement with Donahue Development Corporation for the conveyance of the Elgin B. Robertson property (approximately 257 acres) pursuant to a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents on the City's behalf.

Jim Grabenhorst, Director of Economic Development, provided the background information on this item.

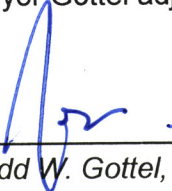
A motion was made by Councilmember Bobbitt, seconded by Councilmember van Bloemendaal, to approve the item as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those members present. This item was adopted as ORD-008-15.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

There was no action taken.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gottel adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.



Todd W. Gottel, Mayor



Laura Hallmark, City Secretary

Date Approved: April 7, 2015